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1. WE CAN ACCEPT YOUR RECOMMENDAION IN PARA 7 OF REFTTEL,
ESPECIALLY TO MAKE POINT THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE A
PRESUMPTION THAT CERTAIN NATO MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE A

PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN NATO POSITIONS, THE CANDIDATES
MUST BE WELL QUALIFIED. WHILE WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WIT
REOPENING NOMINATIONS IF THAT CAN BE AGREED TO BY THE
CEPPC, WE WANT TO AVOID THE PROCEDURE EMPLOYED BY THE
ITALIANS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NAMSO POSITIONS, I.E.,
A COUNTRS REFUSES O WITHDRAA ITS CANDIDATE EVEN
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THOUGH A CLEAR MAJORITY IS IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER.

2. WE ALSO HAVE IN MIND THE NUMEROUS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS
WE ARE INVOLVED IN AT THIS TIME, AND WE DO NOT WISH
THIS CASE TO RESULT IN ANOTHER CONFRONTATION.

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